

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

June 21, 2000  
Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	* Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Steve Garza, El Mirage	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
* Mayor Chuck Tumer, Gila Bend	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Larry Roberts, Wickenburg
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	* Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Dallas Gant, ADOT
Councilmember Margarita Garcia, Guadalupe	* Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park	
* Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County	

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Acting Chairman Skip Rimsza at 5:10 p.m. He explained that Chairman Giuliano had been delayed and non-action items would be discussed until a quorum was met.

4. **Call to the Audience**

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Acting Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on the agreed to process to include the underserved in the public process. He commented on the Sierra Club initiative for controlling growth. Mr. Crowley encouraged increasing coordination of projects. He stated that the train ride was in violation of open meeting laws, since more than three representatives were discussing transportation business and the public was not involved. He mentioned that he was not given a list of train ride attendees. Acting Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.



5. Executive Director's Report

This agenda item was taken out of order.

James M. Bourey commented on impending Congressional action to cut SSBG funding for social services programs. He explained that proposed legislation could cut up to two-thirds of the funding. Mr. Bourey encouraged the Council members to contact Senate members and express opposition to the cuts.

Mr. Bourey announced that a partnering session of the MAG and ADOT staffs is being scheduled for August and a possible State Transportation Board and Regional Council Executive Committee meeting is being scheduled for October. He stated that a joint MAG/PAG meeting is also being scheduled. Mr. Bourey welcomed attendance by all Regional Council members at these meetings.

Mr. Bourey updated members on the Census. He said that followups to non-responsive household have been completed. Mr. Bourey stated that the Coverage Improvement Followup Program will be initiated by the end of the month. This effort will help identify any missing households. Mr. Bourey stated that the Accuracy Coverage Enhancement Program, which will conduct sampling to adjust for the undercount, will be the next step. Mr. Bourey stated that the State's total census count is not expected until the end of the year.

Mr. Bourey stated that we will be hearing more and more about Environmental Justice. Efforts in reaching the minority and disadvantaged populations in the planning process need to be increased. Acting Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

3. Approval of May 24, 2000 Meeting Minutes

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Acting Chairman Rimsza announced that a quorum was present. He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 24, 2000 meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Mayor John Keegan moved, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2000 meeting, as written.

Chairman Giuliano joined the meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Chairman Giuliano introduced Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas from Litchfield Park, Mayor Keno Hawker from Mesa, Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr from Queen Creek, Mayor Mary Manross from Scottsdale, and Mayor Larry Roberts from Wickenburg, and presented each new member with their Regional Council membership certificates.

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #11A, Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report, and #11B, Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines, would be considered together.

11A. Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report



This agenda item was taken out of order.

11B. Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Corey Cox summarized the history of the Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report and the Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas (ESDA) Policies and Design Guidelines. She stated that Regional Council action on approving the report and the guidelines was delayed because homebuilding and development interests requested additional time to comment on the ESDA Policies and Design Guidelines. Ms. Cox indicated that they were concerned with how the guidelines would affect development potential in the retention areas. She stated that three meetings of the ESDA Subcommittee were held to discuss these issues and consensus was reached on revisions. She indicated that all interests have expressed satisfaction with the revised guidelines.

Ms. Cox summarized the agreed upon changes. The numbers from the sections on wildlife buffers was removed and the conceptual drawing that depicts development density/intensity decreasing as proximity to buffers increases remains. Ms. Cox displayed a slide that showed the wildlife buffer. The intent and purpose statement was combined and a statement that these are intended as guidelines to be adopted by the local governments with local public participation processes has been added. Where it does not change the meaning of a statement, the language was changed throughout the document to reflect a guiding rather than a regulatory tone. A bibliography to clarify references was added. A statement was added to the infrastructure section. Ms. Cox stated that infrastructure proximity is only one factor to consider in development location. Economic, environmental and social sustainability and the plans of local governments are other important factors. Chairman Giuliano thanked Ms. Cox for her presentation and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the committees and staff. He asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Keegan moved, Mayor Hawker seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force Draft Final Report and the revised Environmentally Sensitive Development Areas Policies and Design Guidelines.

12. Election of Officers

Chairman Giuliano recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on public input in regard to the Executive Committee. He expressed concern for Regional Council members' attendance at their meetings. Mr. Crowley commented on alternative voting options. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Giuliano stated that the Nominating Committee recommended Mayor Skip Rimsza as Chairman, Mayor John Keegan as Vice Chairman, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny as Treasurer, and Mayor William Arnold and Mayor Cynthia Dunham as At Large Members of the Executive Committee. Chairman Giuliano explained that because he was unable to serve on the Executive Committee in the upcoming year, two At Large Members were nominated. He asked if there were any questions or discussion on the Nominating Committee report.

Mayor Hawker moved, Mayor Thomas seconded, and it was unanimously carried to elect Mayor Skip Rimsza as Chairman, Mayor John Keegan as Vice Chairman, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny as Treasurer, and Mayor William Arnold and Mayor Cynthia Dunham as At Large Members of the Executive Committee.



6. Approval of Consent Agenda

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10 were on the consent agenda. He asked if any member requested that a consent agenda item be heard or had questions. Mayor Hawker asked for clarification on basing the Water Service Area Resident Population Updates on the 1995 Special Census. Mr. Bourey explained that it is a requirement that the estimates be based on the 1995 Census. He indicated that the estimates would be re-calculated when the 2000 Census is complete.

Mayor Keegan moved, Mayor Skip Rimsza seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve consent agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

7. Consultant Selection for the MAG Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the consultant firm URS Corporation to conduct the MAG Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

8. Amendment to the FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Regional Council, by consent, approved amending the FY 2000 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the following: (1) \$208,843 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning Funds; (2) \$10,000 from Phelps Dodge Corporation for Domestic Violence Planning and (3) \$14,037 from the Arizona Department of Transportation to match the Federal Aviation Administration planning funds.

9. 9-1-1 Equipment Request

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the MAG FY 2002 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2002-2006 PSAP Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

10. Draft July 1, 1999 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the July 1, 1999 Water Service Area Resident Population Updates.

Mr. Bourey encouraged all to attend the Desert Peaks reception immediately following the meeting. Dinner would be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the evening would conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Giuliano expressed his appreciation to staff for their efforts while he was Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary